

Daily Digest

Highlights

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3288, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12835–S12969

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2863–2871. **Page S12909**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2010”. (S. Rept. No. 111–106)

S. 1755, to direct the Department of Homeland Security to undertake a study on emergency communications. (S. Rept. No. 111–105) **Page S12909**

Measures Passed:

Non-Federal Public Entities Funds Extension: Senate passed H.R. 4165, to extend through December 31, 2010, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12969**

Airport and Airway Trust Fund Extension: Senate passed H.R. 4217, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12969**

Social Security Act: Senate passed H.R. 4218, to amend titles II and XVI of the Social Security Act to prohibit retroactive payments to individuals during periods for which such individuals are prisoners, fugitive felons, or probation or parole violators, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12969**

Measures Considered:

Service Members Home Ownership Tax Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3590, to

amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the first-time homebuyers credit in the case of members of the Armed Forces and certain other Federal employees, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12836–76**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 2786, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S12836**

Dorgan Modified Amendment No. 2793 (to Amendment No. 2786), to provide for the importation of prescription drugs. **Page S12836**

Crapo motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions. **Page S12836**

Conference Reports:

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, after agreeing to the motion to proceed. **Pages S12876–S12904**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 371), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the conference report. **Page S12877**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Saturday, December 12, 2009. **Page S12898**

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Measures Referred: **Page S12908**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**Pages S12911–13****Amendments Submitted:****Pages S12913–68****Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S12968****Privileges of the Floor: Page S12968****Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—371) **Page S12877**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12969.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine the Federal role in overseeing the safety of public transportation systems, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; David J. Wise, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; Brian Cristy, Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, Boston; and John B. Catoe, Jr., Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and William Millar, American Public Transportation Association, Washington, D.C.

DATA-DRIVEN PERFORMANCE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine data-driven performance, focusing on using technology to deliver results, after receiving testimony from Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer and Associate Director for Technology, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer, Administrator for Electronic Government and Information Technology, Office of Management and Budget; Roger W. Baker, Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Information and Technology; and Brad Douglas, Georgia Department of Administrative Services Commissioner, Atlanta.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded an oversight hearing to examine aviation safety, focusing on Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety initiatives, after receiving testimony from Randolph Babbitt, Administrator, Fed-

eral Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

GRID-SCALE ENERGY STORAGE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the role of grid-scale energy storage in meeting our energy and climate goals, after receiving testimony from Steven E. Koonin, Under Secretary for Science, Jon Wellinghoff, Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Robert McGrath, Deputy Laboratory Director, Science and Technology, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, and Elliot Mainzer, Executive Vice President, Corporate Strategy, Bonneville Power Administration, all of the Department of Energy; Ralph D. Masiello, KEMA, Inc., Chalfont, Pennsylvania; and Kenneth Huber, PJM Interconnection, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 373, to amend title 18, United States Code, to include constrictor snakes of the species *Python* genera as an injurious animal, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1214, to conserve fish and aquatic communities in the United States through partnerships that foster fish habitat conservation, to improve the quality of life for the people of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1421, to amend section 42 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the importation and shipment of certain species of carp;

S. 1519, to provide for the eradication and control of nutria in Maryland, Louisiana, and other coastal States;

S. 1965, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide financial assistance to the State of Louisiana for a pilot program to develop measures to eradicate or control feral swine and to assess and restore wetlands damaged by feral swine;

H.R. 509, to reauthorize the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004;

H.R. 2188, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to conduct a Joint Venture Program to protect, restore, enhance, and manage migratory bird populations, their habitats, and the ecosystems they rely on, through voluntary actions on public and private lands;

H.R. 3433, to amend the North American Wetlands Conservation Act to establish requirements regarding payment of the non-Federal share of the costs of wetlands conservation projects in Canada that are funded under that Act;